

**THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION**

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Regental Action Required Under the State of Michigan Conflict of Interest Statute

Action Requested: Authorization for the University to extend an agreement with Arbor Research Collaborative for Health (University of Michigan Employees, Marianne Udow-Philips, and Paula Lantz, Directors).

Background:

The University of Michigan Transplant Surgery Department seeks approval to extend an agreement with Arbor Research Collaborative for Health for analytic support for outcomes research.

The proposed agreement falls under the State of Michigan Conflict of Interest Statute as Marianne Udow-Philips is a University employee as Intermittent Lecturer with the Department of Health Management and Policy and would be party to the contract as director of Arbor Research Collaborative for Health, and Paula Lantz is a University employee as Professor with the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy and would be party to the contract as director of Arbor Research Collaborative for Health.

However, the Statute allows the University to enter into such agreements if the following conditions are met:

- a) The public servant promptly discloses any pecuniary interest in the contract to the official body which has power to approve the purchase, which disclosure shall be a matter of record in its official proceedings.
- b) The purchase is approved by a vote of not less than 2/3 of the full membership of the approving body in open session without the vote of the public servant making the disclosure.
- c) The official body discloses the following summary information in its official minutes:
 - i) The name of each party involved in the contract.
 - ii) The terms of the purchase, including duration, financial consideration between the parties, facilities or services of the public entity included in the purchase, and the nature and degree of assignment of employees of the public entity for fulfillment of the purchase.
 - iii) The nature of any pecuniary interest.


The following information is provided in compliance with the statutory requirements contained in Section (c) above:

- i) The parties to the contract are the Regents of the University of Michigan and its Transplant Surgery Department and Arbor Research Collaborative for Health.
- ii) The agreement is for a duration of thirty months at a total cost not to exceed \$46,980. Arbor Research Collaborative for Health will be supplying all the necessary resources and personnel to fulfill this contract. The remaining base contract terms and conditions are typical to those used in Procurement Services standard templates for other similar contracts entered into by the Regents.
- iii) The pecuniary interest arises from the fact that University of Michigan employees, Marianne Udow-Philips and Paula Lantz, are directors of Arbor Research Collaborative for Health.

Marianne Udow-Philips and Paula Lantz have met state law requirements with the disclosure of their pecuniary interest and formal appointment arrangements with the University of Michigan. Requirements, if any, that may be applicable by the supervisors of Marianne Udow-Philips and Paula Lantz under the Medical School's or OVPR's Conflict of Interest Committee's procedures are separately analyzed and managed.

We recommend that the Board of Regents approve the extension between the University of Michigan and Arbor Research Collaborative for Health subject to requirements, if any, that the supervisors of Marianne Udow-Philips and Paula Lantz or the Medical School's or OVPR's Conflict of Interest Committee may impose.

Respectfully submitted,



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